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49 51 February 2006, correct? 1 This one says Passat and this one says 1 2 Jetta. 2 It is. 3 So is the Jetta owner's manual referenced 3 Exhibit 10 is Cooper, and I don't see a 0 4 on Exhibit 6? date on the Cooper document. Do you happen to know? 5 Let me see if I have it. Mine says 2006, Evidently not. Α б Is there a reason why you didn't produce Light Truck and Full-Size Spare Tire Service Q 7 that to me? Bulletin. It says 2006 in the reference. Service 8 Human error on my part. Sorry. Life for Passenger Car, Light Truck and Full-Size 9 With regard to your opinion 5, do you hold 9 Spare Tires. Yes. 10 an opinion that in fact Goodyear should have issued a 10 Q Okay. So the product service bulletins 11 public service bulletin as you describe in opinion 5 11 that you're aware of from other manufacturers would 12 in the year 1990? 12 be these three that we just identified? 13 A Well, it's a product service bulletin, not 13 A Well, these three, and I think I have 14 others. Let's see what else I've referenced in here. 14 a public service bulletin. 15 Thank you. 15 I have one from the Japan Automotive Tyre 16 And do I think they could have? Yes. Do 16 Manufacturers Association, Cooper, Michelin, Α 17 I think they should have? I don't think so, no. 17 Continental, Cooper, Firestone, and then over here, this is Cooper too. 18 O All right. Do you think that Goodyear 19 19 should have provided a product service bulletin as So these are the ones I referenced, yes. 20 20 the kind you describe in 1995? Q Is the Japanese reference on Exhibit 6? 21 21 I'm not sure when all the -- this one's A It's not, and, you know, it's not properly 22 from Goodyear that was a product bulletin in 2006 in 22 referenced in here either. It just says Japan 23 which they said they didn't believe they needed to do 23 Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association. So I'm 24 anything about the old tires if I recall. 24 not sure which one it is. 25 25 Q So would you agree then that you're not Q So that would be one that I couldn't even 50 52 critical of Goodyear for not issuing such a product 1 find if I tried to search for it. 2 service bulletin in the year 1994? 2 Oh, yeah, you could. A No, I'm not. 3 Well, you said -- I thought you said it's 3 All right. As we look at the other 4 not properly referenced? 5 product service bulletins that you mention -- and I 5 A Well, it gives you the name of the Japan think these had been provided to me. Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association, and you 7 The Service Life for Passenger Car from can go in there and look for tire service bulletin 8 Cooper, 2006? 8 and you'll find it. 9 Yeah, I'm just going to run through --9 Q Q So these product service bulletins on 10 Α There are some others. 10 aging were first issued evidently in 2006. 11 11 Q Let me mark all of these right now. We Correct. 12 might reference them later. There's --12 And so then is it your opinion that in the 13 They're almost all 2006. 2006 time frame is when Goodyear should have issued a 14 I have three of them here. 14 product service bulletin on the effects of tire aging 15 (Exhibits 8 through 10 marked.) 15 like these manufacturers did? 16 (By Mr. Bott) Doctor, Exhibits 8, 9 and 10 16 A Well, I think they should have made that 17 are product service bulletins or technical bulletins 17 information public in -- and by 2006 other tire that were provided to me in advance of your manufacturers had made the decision to make that 18 19 deposition, and I believe all of these are on information public, so it would have been appropriate 19 20 Exhibit 6, although I may have -- I didn't have a lot 20 for Goodyear to make it available at that time as 21 of time to compare so maybe I missed something. 21 well. 22 Exhibit 8 is from Michelin, and it's dated 22 Q And you're aware that Goodyear has issued 23 February 9, 2006, correct? 23 product service bulletins on aging and in fact did so 24 Α Yep, that's the date. 24 as far back as March of 2006 --Continental is Exhibit 9, and that's dated 25 25 A Yes.

73 75 appreciate having that on their tire? Would you 1 1 A I certainly wish it were, but do I expect agree with that? that it would have been? No. A I would agree that some owners might not 3 Okay. And why is it that you expect it want red or white or yellow print on the sides of would not have been? 5 their tires. A Well, I think in June of 1994 there was 6 Q And with regard to your prototype, you go 6 not a general consensus among all of the tire 7 on to state that, "The prototype warning should be manufacturers about this issue. validly tested with a representative user group to 8 And so had it not been included back in determine whether it can be seen and read and whether June of 1994, you wouldn't have been critical of 9 10 it is understood." 10 Goodyear or any tire manufacturer for not putting it 11 You have not done that testing validation, 11 on there because there was no recognized consensus in 12 have you? 12 the industry at that time. Well, would I be critical? Would I think 13 Α Well, I can't stamp tires, so, no, I 13 14 that they probably already knew about this based on 14 haven't. 15 Q All right. And are you aware of anyone 15 the early -- wait a minute. Let me give my answer. 16 who has undertaken that testing? 16 Q I was. 17 A I don't think any tire manufacturer has 17 A No, you weren't. You were getting ready 18 attempted to stamp this into their tire, no. 18 to interrupt me. 19 Q Are you aware of anyone, even independent 19 So, you know, this issue was already known of a tire manufacturer, who has attempted to undergo 20 20 in the community as recognized by VW putting it on 21 this testing -- or undertake this testing? 21 their car, but do I -- would I be critical? I would 22 A There is no way anyone can undergo this 22 be critical of anybody who knew something about a 23 testing unless they have the capacity to stamp a hazard and didn't tell people. Do I -- do I 2.4 tire. 24 understand why this wasn't yet placed on the tire? 25 Q Okay. So the answer is --25 Yes. 76 74 Has to be no, right? 1 1 Yeah, so in terms of -- and I want to -- there is no such testing. 2 understand whether -- is it your opinion to a 0 3 Of course not. reasonable degree of professional certainty that in 4 All right. And then you state, "Once a this case this tire was unsafe as manufactured in 5 warning is in place, data should be collected on 5 June of 1994 by virtue of the fact that it did not 6 accidents to determine whether the warning is being have this prototype warning on it? 7 effective." 7 A Well, actually I do believe that it was 8 That's standard. Α unsafe not to have a -- it doesn't have to be this as Q And this is obviously stating the obvious, 9 the prototype -- not to have this information about but there clearly is no data that you're aware of 10 10 the age that they -- the tire was manufactured so 11 that goes to the effectiveness of such a prototype 11 that people could determine how old it was, but I 12 warning, correct? 12 understand that at that time tire manufacturers were 13 A Well, since this prototype warning hasn't 13 not warning about this issue and they were still been stamped into any tires that I'm aware of, 14 14 resistant to the idea, I believe, that tires aged 15 clearly there's not. 15 out. 16 Q All right. 16 So am I surprised that it wasn't on there? 17 But that's standard practice for any No. Do I wish it had been on there? Yes. Am I manufacturer, is to collect data like this to 18 critical? Well, I don't know whether I would say I'm 18 determine if something is effective or not, a warning 19 19 critical or not. I understand why it's not on there. 20 is effective or not. 20 Q And without going through each of them 21 And clearly, given that this relates to 2.1 individually, isn't it true that the product service stamping on the tire at the time of manufacture, I 22 bulletins we identified, the NHTSA study vou've 23 assume it's your opinion that this prototype warning 23 referenced, the Baldwin study that you've referenced, should have been on this tire at the time it was 24 and probably others, all of those relate to activity manufactured in June of 1994? that was ongoing in the mid 2000's?

77 79 1 Yes, a lot of it was -- started in the statement based again solely on the other references early 2000's, yes. that you've told me about in this deposition? 3 Q And is there anything other than the 3 Does that make sense to you what I'm 4 Volkswagen reference that you mentioned on your asking? Appendix B that predates all of that, that goes back 5 It does, but there's a lot of things that into the 1990's and deals with this issue of aging? I said it was foreseeable to Goodyear about. So, you 7 I bet you I didn't put it in that list, know, they talk about reasons to replace a tire, and 8 but I do have a bunch of old operator's manuals, and aging is not one of them, but it was foreseeable to Goodyear that a tire could be 20 years old and not 9 just like the old Jetta manual, many of them talk 10 about replace -- they're all European cars. All have any of those -- that's what this statement is 11 European cars only. I never saw an it in an American 11 all about -- not have any of those characteristics 12 car, but I did see it in other European cars that --12 that they say are reason to replace a tire. 13 Which European cars? 13 So they could foresee that a tire could 14 Α I'm not sure, but I can certainly get you 14 get to be 20 years old and not have any of those 15 those. 15 cracks, bulges, tread worn down to a minimum depth or 16 damage caused by underinflation or overloading, but Well, as you sit here today, can you 16 Q that it would be 20 years old and that based on the 17 identify any owner's manual from --17 A BMW I think was one of them. NHTSA information and the other information, Baldwin 18 and so forth, that being 20 years old alone meant 19 BMW what year? 19 that it was more likely to lose tread. 20 Well, in the early 1900's -- 1990's, but I 20 21 can't tell you exactly for sure which year, but, you 21 Now, do those references say that just 22 22 know, I did cite that one because I liked the being 20 years old makes it more likely to lose 23 forthright way in which they talked about tires and 23 tread? 24 spare tires. 24 A If you look at the -- was more likely to 25 Where did you cite the BMW? fail, I guess I should say, and typically that 80 78 1 I didn't. failure is detreading. 2 0 But if you look at the graph in the NHTSA 3 I cited this one, which is what I said reports, if you look at John Baldwin's data, sure, it that I thought -- this is from a Jeep in 2013 that does say that they are more likely to fail the older 5 was in the owner's manual, and I thought that was an 5 they get after six years old. excellent warning. Q Okay. But it doesn't say that they're 6 6 7 Q So other than the European owner's manuals more likely to lose tread. A I don't recall whether they said that or that you're unable to specifically identify, are you 8 aware of any study or reference or work being done whether they just said fail. 9 10 Q And is the NHTSA data on the Ford 10 here in the United States in the 1990's that deals 11 with this issue? Can you cite me to any? 11 Firestone tires? 12 Well, I think what NHTSA started the study 12 A No. That was one of the impetus for doing in 2002. 13 it, but they did research on -- the 2002 study was on 13 14 tire failure, period. 14 Q All right. So that would be the earliest 15 that you're aware of? 15 Q All right. A That's the earliest one that I know of in 16 Tire failure, period. 16 17 See, when they did this research report to 17 the United States, yes. 18 Congress in 2007 on tire aging, that was not just on Q And turning then to number 8, you refer to 18 the Firestone tires. 19 a couple of things there that in your judgment would 19 20 Q Okay. Are you aware of -- and I apologize be foreseeable to Goodyear regarding a tire 20 years 20 if I've asked you this, but -- and sometimes I tend 21 21 old. And I don't need to get too deep into the weeds 2.2 to jump around and I forget whether I've asked you on this. I just want to know, is there anything here 23 specifically from Goodyear, from a Goodyear witness, things before or not. from a Goodyear document, that leads you to conclude 24 Are you aware of any manufacturer that this was foreseeable to Goodyear, or is this 25 puts the born date on their tire?

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- 1 No, I'm not.
- 2 Are you aware of any manufacturer that 3 puts any type of a warning regarding the aging on their tire? 4
- 5 A No. They have some warnings on their 6 tires but not about aging.
- 7 Q All right. And do we agree that NHTSA has never recommended that such a warning about aging be put on the tires, have they?
- 10 A I don't think they have, no.
- And do we agree that NHTSA has never 11 12 recommended that a born date be put on tires, have 13
- 14 A They haven't, although they have
- 15 recognized the difficulty that people have
- determining the manufacture date of tires based on
- the DOT number, but they haven't made any effort to 17
- 18 change that.
- 19 Q And do we agree that there is no federal 20 regulation that requires placement of an age-related 21 warning on the tires?
- 22 There's not. Α
- 23 Q I want to ask you about number 9 if I may.
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25 You say, "Goodyear's failure to adequately

- 1 then when he went into Kearney's to have those tires
- put on his vehicle, they would have known about it,
- and they would have said to him, look, these tires
- are 20 years old, we don't want to mount these tires.
- Like Discount Tire won't put a tire 10 years old or
- even service a tire 10 years old anymore because they
- 7 recognize the hazard. They're probably one of the
- biggest maintainers in the U.S.
 - So if this had gotten out to places like
- 10 Kearney's and other places, smaller places --
- 11 Discount's a very big place. They do -- have had
- 12 problems and so they recognize the issue, but
- someplace like Kearney needs to get the information,
- 14 and this could be put out by Goodyear.
 - Q Well, other than the product service
- 16 bulletins, are you saying that there is some other
- 17 means by which that should have been communicated, or
- is it just through the product service bulletins?
- 19 A Well, it's my understanding that most tire
- 20 manufacturers just send the tire service bulletins to
- 21 places where their tires are bought in large
- 22 quantities.
- 23 Q And that's sufficient, correct, in your
- 24 judgment?
 - A Well, it would be better if they were sent

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- warn and instruct vehicle owners and maintainers and
- drivers about the hazards associated with driving at of people who also deal with tires, mount and service
- highway speeds on a tire more than 10 years old
- created an unreasonably dangerous situation, which
- precipitated the injury/death accident."
- I take that to mean that you're talking about the accident that happened here to Mr. Loveland
- and Mr. Summers?
- 9 Yes. It wasn't a death, though, actually.
- 10 Yes. And when you say "Goodyear's failure 11 to adequately warn and instruct vehicle owners," how
- would in your judgment Goodyear have adequately
- warned and instructed vehicle owners? Would that 13
- 14 have been through the labeling on the tire that we've
- 15 talked about?
- 16 A Well, that would have been one way, but of 17 course I'm not talking about that here.
- Q Okay. What are you talking about here? 18
- 19 Well, I'm talking about the fact that if
- they had notified all the tire places like Kearney's 20
- 21 and everybody who -- you know, who has -- who
- 22 maintains their tires, and certainly it could have
- 23 been put in the driving -- wherever people go to get
- their driver's licenses renewed, all those kinds of
- locations, to make this information widely known,

out to places like Kearney's and other smaller groups

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- tires, and there are plenty of them. And I recognize
- that, you know, locating all of them is not
- necessarily simple, but they are all registered with
- the state typically and so they can be located. So
- if you want to make this information public, if you
- want to make people aware of it, you could certainly
- 9 have public service announcements on the radio and on 10 TV.
- 11 Q Well, I know you could do a lot of things.
- 12 What --
- Sure you could, and it's an issue that you 13
- 14 should do because it's clearly one that the driving
- 15 public is not aware of.
- Q Well, but, you know, Dr. Laux, I'm trying 16
- to differentiate between things that you think would
- 18 be a good idea versus your opinions in this case.
- 19 Okay? And so I --
 - A My opinion is --
 - So I need --
- 22 MR. FARRAR: Let him finish the question.
- 23 Q (By Mr. Bott) I need to understand how is
- 24 it that you think Goodyear failed to provide adequate
- information -- or failed -- I'm sorry, failed to

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